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Letter dated 18 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to convey to your attention updated information on the mediation efforts undertaken by the State of Qatar since 2010 to assist in reaching a compromise settlement of the border disagreement between the Republic of Djibouti and the State of Eritrea, in particular the issue of Djiboutian prisoners of war held in the State of Eritrea.

As a result of the continued efforts of the good offices of Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, Emir of the State of Qatar, for mediation between the Eritrean and Djiboutian parties, and following the recent visits to Doha by Ismael Omar Guelleh, President of the Republic of Djibouti, and Isaias Afwerki, President of the State of Eritrea, a number of Djiboutian prisoners of war held in the State of Eritrea have been released.

In this regard, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al-Thani, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar, who is currently in the Republic of Djibouti in connection with the release of the Djiboutian prisoners, has welcomed the release of the Djiboutian prisoners, which came as a result of the positive response by the State of Eritrea to the Qatari mediation efforts. He further expressed his hope that this development would be a step forward in the process of the resolution of the remaining disagreements between the Republic of Djibouti and the State of Eritrea.

We will keep you informed of new developments in a timely manner.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

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